old tickets, advice to visitors through CCTV to retain entry tickets, regular monitoring of sold tickets, vigilance checks by headquarter staff etc. have been initiated to minimize possible recycling of tickets.

Aircrafts utilised by Vayudoot

1749. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircrafts are being utilised in the Southern sector under Vayudoot service; and

(b) what is their utilisation per day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Vayudoot has deployed two Dornier-228 aircraft for operation of its services in the Southern region.

(b) The average utilisation per day of these aircraft in the Southern region is 9 hours 50 minutes which includes night air mail operations also.

Annual allocation of Budget for research to the AIIMS

1750. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what on an average is the annual allocation made to the AIIMS and other Medical Research Centres in the country and what percentage of the allocation is spent by each of these Research Centres;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the research work undertaken by the AIIMS is on collaboration basis with certain countries whose influence in a big way on the areas to be chosen for research having relatively less importance to the needs of the Indian people;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor stating the major areas of research undertaken by the AIIMS having relevance and needs of the country's masses so far stating the research work published; and

(d) whether Government propose to formulate a policy with regard to the areas of research according to the needs of the country, if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) On an average a sum of Rs. 9 lakhs is provided for Research purposes at the AIIMS, New Delhi. In respect of other Medical Research Centres, the Indian Council of Medical Research allocate provisions to various Research Centres according to their requirements and within the financial allocation made to the ICMR. During 1985-86, the actual Plan and non-Plan expenditure of ICMR is about Rs. 3,822 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The major areas of research undertaken by AIIMS which are relevant to the needs of the country are malnutrition, Goitre, Malaria, Tuberculosis, Filaria, Leprosy Human Reproduction, Water Borne diseases etc. The research work carried out by the Institute is published in its annual reports.

(d) The research programmes formulated and carried out by the ICMR are largely in accordance with planned priorities in areas of relevance to the country's health needs. These programmes are discussed by duly constituted bodies of the ICMR on which the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are also represented.

Incidence of polio in Bihar

1751. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details regarding increase in the number of polio cases in the State of Bihar particularly in the areas where Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are living; and

(b) the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Details regarding incidence of polio in the State of Bihar among the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are not available separately. However, as per the reports of the C.B.H.I., the reported cases of polio in the State of Bihar for the last three years are given below:—

Year	POLIO	
	Cases	Death
1984 . . .	51	..
1985 . . .	267	6
1986 (upto June) .	76	1

From the above table, it is seen that there is increase in cases during 1985 as compared to 1984, which might be due to the increased awareness of the disease and improvement in the detection of cases.

(b) Free supply of polio vaccine is made to the State for the prevention of the disease. Further, to reduce the morbidity and mortality due to Poliomyelitis, Polio vaccination has been included under the expanded Programme on Immunization for 1979-80. The universal Immunization Programme started in 1985-86 also involves immunization against Poliomyelities and, by 1990, 85 per cent of the infants would be covered under this Programme. This percentage of coverage, it is expacted, would be enough to provide the required 'herd immunity' against the disease. The programme is implemented through the staff of the State Health Department and the percentage coverage against polio in Bihar for the last three years is given below:

(Figures in lakhs)

Year	Annual target	% Achievement of Annual Target
1983-84 . . .	6·0	44·3
1984-85 . . .	7·0	34·0
1985-86 . . .	6·0	72·3

Suburban trains facilities between Burdwan and Asansol

1752. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems faced by the people due to non-availability of suburban trains facility between Burdwan and Asansol; and

(b) if so, the time by when EMU electric local trains between Burdwan and Asansol are proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 10 pairs of stopping passenger trains and 16 pairs of Mail/Express trains all hauled by electric locos are available on Barddhaman-Asansol section. These services are adequately meeting the requirements to state:

(b) Heavy investment will be required to make the section fit for running of EMU stock and for procurement of additional EMU rakes. In view of scarcity of resources, there is no plan to run EMU trains on this section for the present.

Change in train routes and timings connecting Bihar to Delhi-New Delhi

1753. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received by Government during the period